

4. (Second Amended) The method according to claim 6, wherein each different one of the products of the series product has at least one different value for at least one of said attributes of use.

6. (Fourth Amended) A method comprising:

defining in a database a plurality of attributes of use and a series product comprising a set of products which have a collection of said attributes of use;

5        defining in the database manufacturing series activities for achieving particular values of the individual attributes of use; and

10        deriving a manufacturing process for a particular product of the series product by arranging said manufacturing series activities in a prescribed sequence; and

producing the particular product in accordance with the derived manufacturing process.